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Dear Dick,

What follows is excerpts from some CIA papers I did not obtain under FOIA.

They tell me that if Orwell is not here officially and if unofficially it did happen sooner, he was actually welcomed in secrecy when Allen W. Dulles signed authorization for these projects 4/3/53.

I hope you know people scared enough to get interested. I decided against writing Peter Shepherd directly.

"...activity concerned with research and development of chemical, biological and radiological materials capable of employment in clandestine operations to control human behavior....operational use made of these end products...

"The concepts involved in manipulating human behavior...distasteful and unethical... Nevertheless there have been many accomplishments both in research and operational employment..."

"Research in the manipulation of human behavior is considered by many authorities in medicine and related fields to be professionally unethical, therefore the reputations of professional participants...are...occasionally in jeopardy..."(Who says there is no decent concern?)

Wover the ten-year life of the program many additional avenues to the control of human behavior have been designated...as appropriate...including radiation, electroshock, various fields of psychology, psychiatry. sociology and anthropology, grafology, harrassment substances and paramilitary devices and materials.

"...has pursued a policy of minimum documentation in keeping with the high sensitivity...

"...protecting the sensitive nature of the American intelligence capability to manipulate human behavior...

"...initiated a program for covert testing of materials on unwitting U.S. citizens...

"...arrangements with specialists in universities, pharmaceutical houses, hospitals, state and federal institutions and private research organizations...

"...program involves physicians, toxicologists, and other specialists in mental, narcotics and general hospitals and in prisons...proceed with intensive testing on human subjects.

"...involves their application to unwitting subjects in normal life settings. ... produce disabling or discrediting effects...

"...the effectiveness of the substances on individuals at all social levels, high and low, native American and foreign...testing has been performed on a variety of individuals within these categories...

"The Bureau [FBI] officials also maintain a close working relationship with local police authorities which could be utilized to protect the activity in critical situations...

"Final phase testing...on unwitting subjects...activity of genuine importance ...risk of serious damage to the Agency in the event of compromise of the true nature of this activity. ...Existing checks and balances on the working level management of such testing do not afford the senior command of CIA adequate protection against the high risks involved.

"...33 projects relating to the control of human behavior [in first 10 years].

"...the Behavioral Activities Branch...."

Enough?

Would it be believed in a novel?

Have you seen it headlined from a Senate Committee report?

These are hasty excepts, not from a careful reading, of only part of what I have, just returned by a friend to whom I loaned them. There are more to come back. These papers disclose a total of four programs carried under cryptonyms and two others carried under project titles, suitably Artichoke and Bluebird (like in Bye, Bye?)

The 33 projects in the quote are from but a single of the cryptonym ones.

Our patriotism is not inferior to that of Nazi Germany, our jail and hospital practise not inferior to that at Auschwitz and Buchenwald.

Dr. Strangeloveless is not from Langley. He is from before Langley. He just moved there with so many others.

This is separate from what I told you about, the prima facie case of the killing of the microbiologist I think became disenchanted and asked to be relieved. What happened is called "dismissed with extreme prejudice." A title?

I don't want to write these things. Besides, they require a different kind of writing.

Who could be interested? Barney with other than a hack?

Remember, all the improprieties and illegalities are not being given the sanction of law.

Best regards,

P.S. I have an exceptional source, one whose every checked word has been confirmed, one I believe has to have been either a victim or participant in these programs. He is anxious for them to be exposed but trusts me not to expose him and his close friend. My source's knowledge goes back a year prior to the official Dulles authorization.

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